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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Parts of  
Application-Filing Date Granted mailed January 24, 2002.

Applicants hereby submit a newly executed Declaration that  
identifies the above application by serial number and filing  
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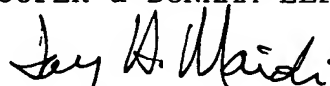
The required surcharge is also submitted herewith  
along with a copy of the subject Notice.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all  
elements of the application have now been filed and an early

and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly  
solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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